

2007 - 2008 *Iowa*

Statewide Profile of Public Schools

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Iowa students are among the highest achievers in the nation, based on state and national performance exams. But our education excellence reaches far beyond test scores, as you'll see here in our teacher qualifications, graduation rates, the state's funding commitment to public schools, and much more.

Demographics

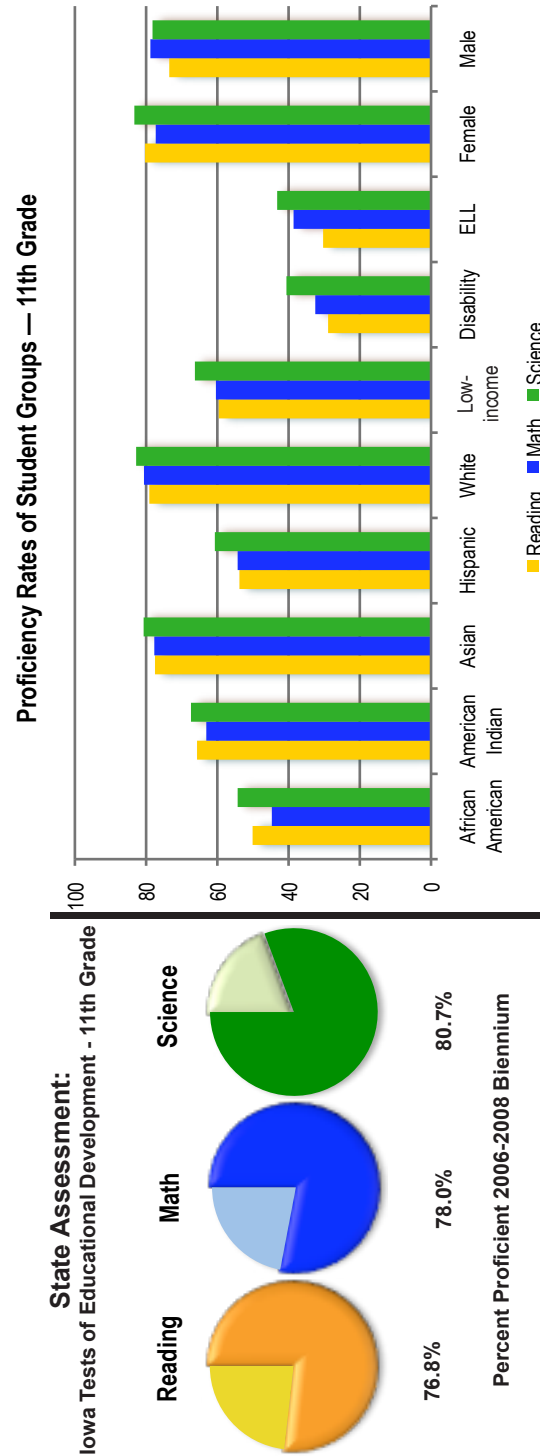
School Districts	364
School Buildings	
High schools.....	356
Junior/middle schools	273
Elementary schools	771
Offering full-day kindergarten	98.1%
Offering preschool	76.6%

Enrollment

K-12	472,628
White.....	85.2%
African American	5.6%
Hispanic	6.5%
American Indian	0.6%
Asian	2.1%
English Language Learners (ELL)	3.8%
Special education.....	12.9%
Low-income.....	33.4%

Teachers

Full-time	34,823
Licensed/certified	100.0%
Highly qualified in academic area	99.5%
Average age	42
Female	74%
Minority	1.9%
Advanced degree	27.9%
Average years total experience ...	14.7
Average regular salary	\$45,463



11th Grade



High School Highlights

- Overall proficiency improved to 80.7% in science.
- More students are choosing to take higher-level math courses.
- More students are achieving a score on the ACT that indicates probable success in college.

Challenges Ahead

- Increase the K-12 graduation rate, especially with African American and Hispanic youth.
- Continue professional development initiatives that engage students in higher-level thinking.
- Reduce the performance gaps that exist for African American and Hispanic students and students in low socioeconomic categories.
- Address the areas of 21st century learning skills and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

Advanced Placement (AP):

- 214 public high schools offered at least one AP course.
- 7,798 students took 11,786 AP exams, up 9.4% and 9.4%, respectively, from 2007.
- 66.9% had a score of 3 or above in Iowa (only 57.8% scored this well nationally).

College Readiness:	ACT	SAT
Rank in Nation	2nd	1st
State Average Score	22.4	603r 612m
— participation rate	60%	3%
National Average Score	21.1	502r 515m
— participation rate	43%	45%

2007 Graduation Rate: 90.5%

African American	74.6%
American Indian	75.6%
Asian.....	91.2%
Hispanic	75.1%
White.....	92.0%

Plans After Graduation: 81.5% of graduates plan to pursue training or college after high school (86.1% of females, 77.1% of males)



School Safety

Iowa schools are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students. No schools are designated as “persistently dangerous” by the U.S. Department of Education.

Student Nutrition

Breakfasts served 12,896,938

Lunches served..... 60,663,743

Snacks served 832,019

Free, reduced breakfasts 8,600,015

Free, reduced lunches 23,512,171

Total federal
reimbursement... \$78,801,384.20

Total state funds \$2,154,747.00

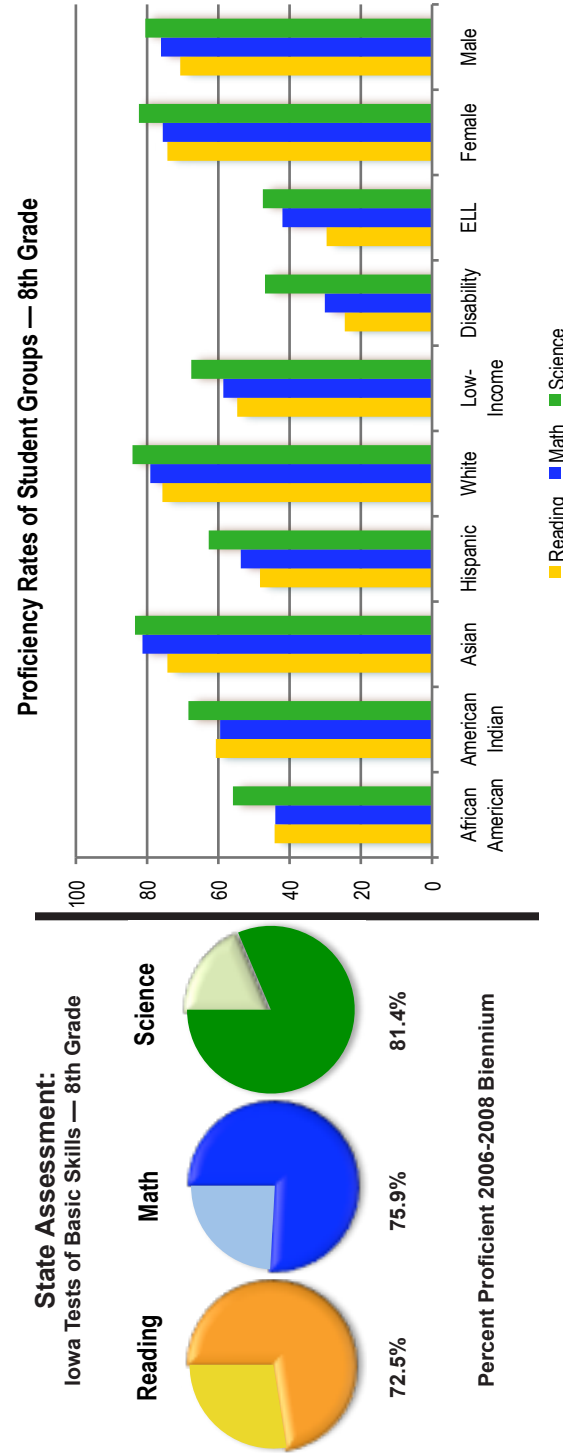
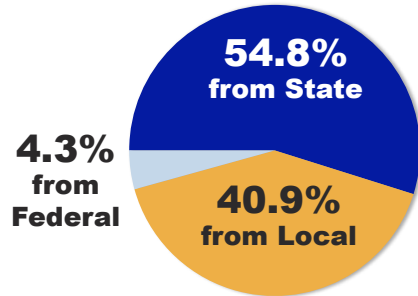


School Finance

Each Iowa public school district has a general fund that is comprised of revenues from local, state, and federal sources.



2006-2007 Public School General Fund Revenues



8th Grade



Middle School Highlights

- Overall proficiency improved to 72.5% in reading, 75.9% in math, and 81.4% in science.
- Hispanic, African American, low-income students, and students with disabilities made progress in math.

Challenges Ahead

- Prepare for implementation of the Iowa Core Curriculum, which provides teachers a tool to help ensure students acquire identified essential skills and concepts.
- Fund additional resources for quality professional development that will help teachers improve their instruction so all students can learn.

National Assessment:

2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Reading

State Average Scale Score267
National Average Scale Score261

Math

State Average Scale Score285
National Average Scale Score280



Total initial state general fund appropriations (millions, FY 2009)..... \$6,133.1

Percent to PK-12 education (FY 2009)..... 42.1%

Average total expenditures per pupil (2006-2007) (National Education Association) \$8,141

State cost per pupil (2009) \$5,546

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All data is from the 2007-2008 school year unless otherwise indicated.
Complete data available at www.iowa.gov/educate



Student Transportation

2006-2007

School Buses/Other Vehicles:

Yellow buses 6,084

Other vehicles 1,567

Miles Traveled Per Year:

Route miles 42,381,788

Non-route miles (activities) 13,546,112

Pupils Transported:

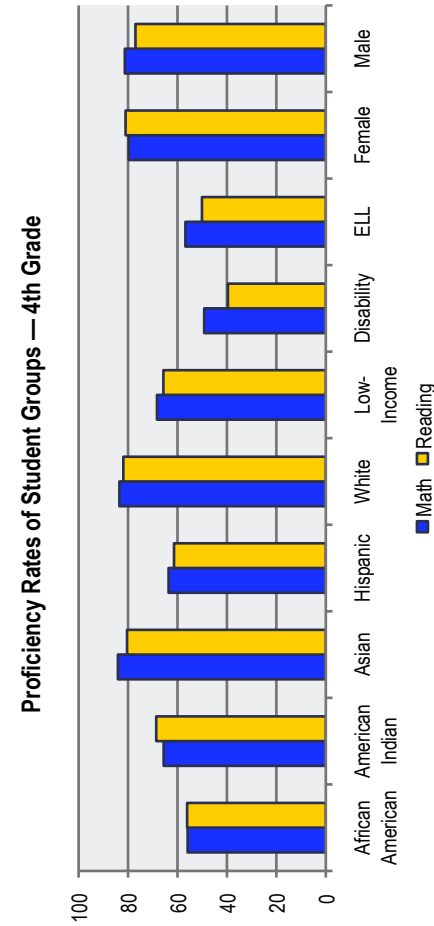
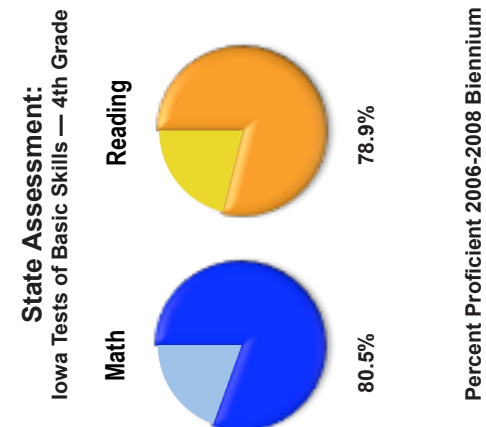
Daily 231,271

Average Annual Cost Per

Pupil Transported..... \$474.97

Total Annual Cost of Pupils

Transported \$109,846,825



4th Grade



Elementary Highlights:

- Achievement gaps improved in reading for Hispanic students, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and low-income students.
- Achievement gaps improved in math for students with disabilities.

Challenges Ahead:

- Achievement gaps continue to persist at all levels, demonstrating need for additional teacher training and professional development.
- Continue to increase the percentage of children entering kindergarten ready to learn.

National Assessment:

2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Reading	
State Average Scale Score	225
National Average Scale Score	220
Math	
State Average Scale Score	243
National Average Scale Score	239

Assessments At A Glance



Local Assessments: Districts must annually administer district-wide assessments in reading, math, and science; and they must align their assessments to their curriculum or content standards.

State Assessments: Iowa uses the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS for grades K-8) and Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED for high school) as our annual statewide assessment.

National Assessments: The National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) tests are conducted by the U.S. Department of Education to a representative sample of students in grades 4 and 8 nationwide. All states have been required to participate since 2003.

Reporting Results: Each fall, all districts publish and distribute an *Annual Progress Report* that includes local student achievement results and other accountability indicators.

The state also produces an *Annual Condition of Education* report that provides statewide demographic, curriculum, staffing, financial, and achievement data to help districts and policymakers evaluate the state's educational system and ensure it is meeting the needs of students and communities.

In addition, the state produces an annual report card as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, listing achievement results, teacher quality indicators, and schools or districts that did not meet achievement goals for two consecutive years (in 2008, 136 or 9.2 percent of schools and 13 or 3.6 percent of districts).



Participation Rates

The state goal is to have 95 percent of all student groups participate in the annual state assessment.

Student Participation Rates for 2007-2008

	Reading		Math	
	Grade 8	Grade 11	Grade 8	Grade 11
State	99.6	98.6	99.5	98.5
White	99.7	98.8	99.5	98.8
African American	99.4	95.9	98.5	95.3
Hispanic	99.5	97.2	99.2	97.2
Asian	99.0	97.9	99.3	97.7
American Indian	99.5	94.9	99.5	94.9
Low-income	99.4	97.7	99.1	97.7
English Language Learner	99.1	95.7	99.6	95.7
Disability	99.3	97.5	98.5	97.3
			Grade 4	
			99.7	
			99.8	
			99.4	
			99.4	
			99.2	
			99.5	
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